

Monthly Status Report – October 2006

Montana's Action Plan for Co-Occurring Disorders

Co-Occurring Policy Team

- The next scheduled meeting is November 29, 2006.

Training/Presentations

- October 2nd – Attended White Bison / Montana Re-Entry Coalition meeting
- October 12th & 13th – DBT Advanced Training
- October 17th & 18th – SOAR Training
- October 25th – 27th – Mental Illness Conference

COST (Co-Occurring Strategic Team)

- Reviewed Minkoff/Cline technical assistance recommendations.
- Updated “Role & Purpose” statements for Policy Team, COST, AMDD Management & Change Agents. Final approval will be forwarded to the Policy Team & Change Agents.
- Discussion on work group design & process. How to make it successful and identify current tasks of current work groups.
- Review of current Policy Team membership to assure representation by key stakeholders.
- Updated COST action plan.

Change Agent/Active Work Group Reports

- Finance Work Group – The committee has forwarded a second request survey to Program Directors to begin the process for review of reimbursement policies and practices. Also, a draft “Co-Occurring Funding Guiding Principles” has been drafted for committee review.
- Training Work Group – The work group discussed the development of an internal training package for practitioners and programs. The next task will be to identify components for agency CCUSC orientation training.
- Media & Communications Work Group – Committee members’ submitted recommendations for COD 101 presentations. A draft pre & post test for the presentations has been presented to the committee for review. The next meeting is 11/22 at 9:00.

- Data Work Group – Committee members' recommended initial review of data collected on ADIS and the Mental Health data systems to assess common elements and similar elements. The next meeting is 11/8 at 10:00.
- Cultural Competence Workgroup – Following Policy Team meeting, members made a plan to meet November 28 to discuss PT recommendations. The workgroup will also finalize the format & content of cultural awareness posters.
- Scope of Practice Workgroup – Recommendation regarding Core Competencies will be presented to the Policy Team on November 29th.
- Core Competencies – Brochure was finalized and approved by COST for printing and distribution. Brochure will be presented to the Policy Team on November 29th.